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SUBJECT: LATVIAN PARLIAMENT EXTENDS TROOP MANDATE FOR IRAQ

On December 20, Latvia's Saeima (Parliament) voted 65-21 to extend the mandate for the country's troop presence in Iraq until December 31, 2008. Latvia currently has 3 servicemen stationed in Iraq, serving in training and support functions. The Saeima previously allocated 167,000 Lats (approximately \$340,000 USD) to finance its troop deployment in Iraq for 2008.
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